

**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER ACT**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill enacts the Pharmacy Benefits Manager Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires a pharmacy benefits manager that provides a service to a health benefit plan to provide an itemized statement when:
  - requesting or accepting payment or reimbursement for a pharmacy service from a health benefit plan; or
  - disclosing an expenditure for a pharmacy service to a health benefit plan;
- ▶ requires a pharmacy benefits manager to pay the entire amount it receives for a pharmacy service in connection with a health benefit plan to the pharmacy or pharmacist that provided the service; and
- ▶ makes it a misdemeanor violation of the Unfair Practices Act to violate the requirements of this act.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**13-48-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**13-48-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**13-48-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**13-48-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**13-48-301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **13-48-101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 48. PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER ACT**

**Part 1. General Provisions**

**13-48-101. Title.**

This chapter is known as the "Pharmacy Benefits Manager Act."

Section 2. Section **13-48-102** is enacted to read:

**13-48-102. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Health benefit plan" is as defined in Section 31A-1-301.

(2) "Itemized statement" means a statement, itemized by individual claim, that includes:

(a) the amount actually paid or to be paid to the pharmacy or pharmacist for a pharmacy service;

(b) the identity of the pharmacy or pharmacist paid or to be paid; and

(c) the prescription number or other identifier of the pharmacy service.

(3) "Pharmacist" is as defined in Section 58-17b-102.

(4) "Pharmacy" is as defined in Section 58-17b-102.

(5) "Pharmacy benefits management service" means any of the following services provided to a health benefit plan, or to a participant of the health benefit plan:

(a) negotiating the amount to be paid by a health benefit plan for a prescription drug; or

(b) administering or managing prescription drug benefits provided by the health benefit plan for the benefit of a participant of the health benefit plan, including:

(i) mail service pharmacy;

(ii) specialty pharmacy;

(iii) claims processing;

(iv) payment of a claim;

(v) retail network management;

(vi) clinical formulary development;

(vii) clinical formulary management services;

(viii) rebate contracting;

(ix) rebate administration;

(x) a participant compliance program;

(xi) a therapeutic intervention program; or

(xii) a disease management program.

(6) "Pharmacy benefits manager" means a person that provides a pharmacy benefits management service to a health benefit plan.

(7) "Pharmacy service" means a product, good, or service provided by a pharmacy or pharmacist to an individual.

Section 3. Section **13-48-201** is enacted to read:

## **Part 2. Disclosures and Payment**

### **13-48-201. Itemized statement required.**

(1) A pharmacy benefits manager may not request or accept payment or reimbursement to or from a health benefit plan for providing a pharmacy service, unless the pharmacy benefits manager provides an itemized statement to the health benefit plan for the pharmacy service.

(2) When a pharmacy benefits manager reports an expenditure to a health benefit plan for a pharmacy service, the pharmacy benefits manager shall include in the expenditure report an itemized statement for the pharmacy service.

Section 4. Section **13-48-202** is enacted to read:

### **13-48-202. Payment for pharmacy service -- Other charges.**

(1) A pharmacy benefits manager shall pay the entire amount it receives for a pharmacy service in connection with a health benefit plan to the pharmacy or pharmacist that provided the service.

(2) This section does not:

(a) require a pharmacy benefits manager to set specific fees, rates, or schedules for payment for pharmacy services;

(b) prohibit a pharmacy benefits manager from charging for services, in addition to pharmacy services, provided by the pharmacy benefits manager; or

(c) require a pharmacy benefits manager to pay a pharmacy or pharmacist more on any claim than the amount itemized or disclosed under Section 13-48-201.

Section 5. Section **13-48-301** is enacted to read:

## **Part 3. Enforcement**

95            **13-48-301. Penalty for violation.**

96            A person who violates this section has engaged in an unfair and deceptive trade practice  
97 in violation of Title 13, Chapter 5, Unfair Practices Act, and is subject to the penalties  
98 described in Section 13-5-15.

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